



NEWS RELEASE

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Border Patrol Agents Locate Missing Alzheimer's Patient

El Centro, Calif. – Members of the El Centro Border Patrol Sector Search, Trauma and Rescue (BORSTAR) Team located an Alzheimer's disease patient who walked away from his home Thursday morning.

The U.S. Border Patrol joined the search at the request of the Imperial County Sheriffs Office after various attempts by the man's family to locate him.

Beginning the search at the subject's residence, Border Patrol Agents located tracks matching the description given by the man's family. The man was found suffering from heat stroke approximately ¼ mile south of his residence in brushy terrain. Specially trained BORSTAR agents provided emergency medical care until the arrival of local emergency medical service paramedics. EMS transported the man to the El Centro Regional Medical Center for further care.

Border Patrol Search, Trauma and Rescue teams are elite units capable of providing emergency search and rescue response anywhere along the Southwest border. These specialized teams are comprised of Border Patrol Agents trained in the various disciplines of search and rescue. The El Centro Sector BORSTAR team has rescued over one hundred and ninety persons since the beginning of the year.

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